IN LOVING MEMORY

SHINING MATRIARCH

Elizabeth Ndamai Mburu

1930 | 22nd December 2025

Order of Service

On Tuesday 6th January, 2026.

Master Of Ceremony :

Transport Manager :

Time	**Event**
7.30am	**: Assembling at the Mortuary**
8.00 am	**: Short prayers and viewing of the body.**
9.00 am	**: Departure for ACK St. John's Church Kangemi**
10.00 am	**: Arrival at the Church**
	: Opening prayer
	: Welcoming remarks
	: Service starts
10.30am	**Church service**
	: Eulogy reading
	: Tributes
	Song
	Sermon
	Prayer for the family
	Vote of Thanks -
	Procession to the Burial site
	Burial rites and laying of wreaths
	Guests leave at their own pleasure.

LIFE HISTORY

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me... I will come back and take you to be with me..." – John 14:1-3

INTRODUCTION

Today, we gather not just with heavy hearts, but with overwhelming gratitude and admiration to celebrate the vibrant and beautifully lived life of Elizabeth Ndamai Mburu. A true beacon of strength, she was more than a mother; she was the soul of our family—a beloved matriarch, a nurturing spirit, and a steadfast friend. She was a beautiful soul in every sense—gentle, kind, graceful, and compassionate—yet strong in character and unwavering in her devotion to God and family. Mum's love enveloped us like a warm embrace, and her wisdom illuminated our paths. Her wisdom guided many, her legacy of love, faith, and dignity will live on in our hearts forever. As we remember her today and forever, we honour the joyous essence she brought to our lives.

EARLY LIFE

Born in Gathenge, Ngarua Location, Laikipia County in 1930, Elizabeth was the cherished first-born of the late Danson Ng'ang'a Muratha and the late Grace Wambui Ng'ang'a.

She was a beloved sister to the late Damaris Karanja Kinyua, the late George Muratha Nganga, the late Jane Muthoni Nganga, James Kinyanjui Nganga, Margaret Wanjiku Nganga, and John Mugo Nganga.

She was sister in law to the late Gatheru Njihia, the late Rahab Gachiru Njihia, the late Peter Karanja Njihia, Samuel Chuchu Njihia, and the late Joseph Mbuthi Njihia.

She often shared stories of her early childhood, a time when life revolved around simple routines and shared responsibility—fetching water, collecting firewood, and other household chores that children faithfully undertook in those days. These early duties taught her discipline, resilience, and the value of contributing to family and community from a young age. As the family faced the storms of change during the State of Emergency in 1939, they bravely relocated to Kangemi in Nairobi County, where Elizabeth's indomitable spirit truly began to shine.

UPBRINGING

Elizabeth was raised with the virtues of hard work and responsibility. She often reminded us of the importance of these traits, always with a twinkle in her eye. She would tell tales of gathering firewood and tilling the land, skilfully balancing her chores with moments of play. Her gentle guidance instilled in her siblings a sense of teamwork, as they laughingly collaborated on household tasks, creating bonds that would last a lifetime.

EDUCATION

The late Elizabeth began her education by attending evening classes, as was customary in those days. She later joined formal learning, where she studied up to Class Three. Unfortunately, her formal education was interrupted when the colonial government declared a state of emergency, making it impossible for her to continue with her studies. Despite not completing her formal education, she carried a lifelong appreciation for learning and wisdom, and would enjoy learning from her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She particularly loved speaking in English and would fondly greet us *"good morning!"*

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Elizabeth met the love of her life, the late James Mburu Njihia, in 1949. Their union was first established through Kikuyu customary rites. Years later, their commitment was affirmed in holy matrimony at ACK St. John's Church, Kangemi, in 1988. Together, they created a loving home filled with laughter, nurturing six beautiful children: Jecinta Wanjiru Mburu, the late George Njehia Mburu, the late Grace Wambui Mburu, Rahab Mingina Mburu, the late Stephen Nganga Mburu and Charles Gatheru Mburu.

She was a cherished mother-in-love to the late Susan Wanjiku Njihia, Patrick Tom Odongo, Julia Nyawira Ng'ang'a (USA), and Dr. Susan Muthoni Gatheru.

At every opportunity, her stories of motherhood were expressed with deep love, wisdom and wise counsel – nurturing, guiding, correcting and encouraging.

She was a doting grandmother to Susan Ndero Kamau and Justin Kamau Riunge, Elizabeth Ndumia, Caroline Wanjiku, Dennis Mburu and Esther Mburu, Elizabeth Ndamai and Steven Mbugua, James Mburu and Jackie Mburu, Marvin Mburu and Eva Mburu, Patricia Shipman and Hezekiah Shipman, the late Regina Ndamai Odongo, Paige Ng'ang'a, Ethan Gatheru, James Gatheru, Robert Gitere, Ann Waithera Burke and Christopher Joel

She was a loving great grandmother to Annie Forgarty, Chloe Kamau, Daphney Kamau, Zara Ndumia, Alvin Ndumia, Rhia Mburu, Ryli Mburu, Mason Mburu, Ezra Mburu, Jason Ngugi, Aaron Mburu, Gianna Wambui, Tatiana Wanjiku, Sean Njihia, Marvin Mbugua, Gabriel Njihia, Travis Mwangi, Eliora Shipman, Jethro Shipman .

She was a treasured great great grandmother to Tia Forgarty.

As a grandmother, she delighted in playing with her grandchildren, singing, reading the Word of God and praying - nurturing both their joy and their faith with gentle love and care.

WORK AND ENTERPRISE

Elizabeth was a woman of remarkable diligence. Her entrepreneurial journey began with farming in the Uplands area of Kikuyu County, after which they established a butchery business in Bahati, Nairobi County. Later, she ventured into the real estate business here in Kangemi until her unfortunate demise.

Beyond her devotion to family, she was a pillar of strength and compassion within the community. She was an active member of several women's groups, where her wisdom, leadership, and generosity touched many lives. She believed deeply in the power of education and personally supported the schooling of numerous children, opening doors to brighter futures. Her home and heart were always open—she fed families in need, offered counsel to the troubled, and stood as a voice of guidance and unity. Through her selfless service and integrity, she earned the respect of many and became a trusted and cherished community leader whose legacy will live on in the lives she uplifted.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

A devoted Christian, Elizabeth's faith was the cornerstone of her life. She became a cherished member of the Anglican Church of Kenya, baptized as an infant and later confirmed by Bishop Obadiah Kariuki in 1965. In the 1970s, she personally accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior and devoted herself to His service with unwavering faith and commitment in all that she did.

She faithfully served at St. John's Kangemi in the Diocese of Mt. Kenya South, actively participating in the Marenga cell group, the Mother's

Union, and holding a respected place among the senior members of the church. She particularly loved singing her favorite hymn, *"Gwataniro ya ma Hatari Itheru,"* and often meditated on her cherished scripture, John 14:1-13.

Elizabeth's love for the clergy and her diligent service left a lasting mark, and her contributions to the church were immense—an enduring legacy that will be remembered and celebrated for generations to come. This devotion inspired many, and she loved sharing her favorite Bible verses, encouraging younger generations to walk in faith.

PERSON AND LEGACY

The late Elizabeth Ndamai Mburu was an embodiment of elegance and grace. Her service to her community reflected her genuine love for those around her, making everyone feel cherished and valued. She had an innate ability to make everyone feel at home, sharing stories and wisdom that drew everyone together.

She was widely known for her deep and abiding love of God, boundless generosity, warm and compassionate heart, gentle and nurturing spirit, wise and discerning mind, and unwavering devotion to family, community, and faith.

FINAL DAYS

Our beloved mother endured health challenges for many years, receiving care in several hospitals, including Coptic Hospital and AAR Hospital. Throughout her journey, she faced every trial with remarkable courage, patience, and faith. On 22nd December 2025, she peacefully rested leaving behind a legacy of love, faith, and strength.

CONCLUSION

As we reflect on mum's extraordinary journey, we find solace in knowing that she now rests in the arms of the Lord. She has fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith.

Fare thee well, our beloved Matriarch. Until we meet again at the feet of Jesus, your spirit will forever shine brightly in our hearts, your laughter echoing in our memories and the lessons you taught us guiding our paths.

May she rest in eternal peace

"I have fought the good fight, I have the finished the race, I have kept the faith" 2nd Timothy 4:7

RUGANO

"Mutigatangike ngoro, mwihokei Ngai, o na nii munjihoke. Thiini wa ya nyumba ya Baba kuri na ciikaro nyingi, gutangiri uguo ingiri kumwira. Ninguthii kuo kumuthondekera handu" Johana 14:1-3

INTRODUCTION

Tucemanitie guku muthenya wa umuthi, ngoro ciitu ciina kieha, no tuihuritwo ni ngatho, tugikunguira muturire muthaka wa Elizabeth Ndamai Mburu. Gitugi kirumu kia hinya kiria kiranyitiriire nyumba itu. Mutumia mureri, muiguaniri tha, na mwirutiri kuri Ngai na andu aria angi. Araturigicagiria na wendo wake, naguo ugi wake ukonia aingi njira. Mataro make ni maratutongoragia, nayo ngumo yake ya gitiiyo, wendo na witikio igutura ngoro-ini ciitu. Tugutura tumuririkanaga ni gikeno kiria ararehaga miturire-ini iitu.

Unyinyi Wake

Mwendwo ni-iri Elizabeth aciariirwo itura-ini ria Gathenge, Ngarua location, Laikipia County mwaka-ini wa 1930, ari mwana wa mbere wa atiga -iri Danson Ng'ang'a Muratha na Grace Wambui Ng'ang'a. Maciariniirwo na mwendwo ni-iri Damaris Karanja Kinyua, mutiga-iri George Muratha Ng'ang'a, mwendwo ni-iri Jane Muthoni Ng'ang'a, James Kinyanjui Ng'ang'a, Margaret Wanjiku Ng'ang'a na John Mugo Ng'ang'a. Arari maramu wa mutiga-iri Gatheru Njihia, mwendwo ni-iri Rahab Gachiru Njihia, mutiga-iri Peter Karanja Njihia, Samuel Chuchu Njihia na mutiga-iri Joseph Mbuthi Njihia. Niaraganaga ng'ano cia unyinyi wake, mahinda maria muturire wari wa kuruta mawira ma mucii mari hamwe, ta gutaha maii, kuuna nguu na mawira maingi ma mucii maria ciana cia mahinda mau ciarutaga. Mawira maya nimonagia ciana kurunga mitugo, ukiririria na bata wa kunyitanira na nyumba na itura kuuma mario anyinyi.Ihinda ria wihuge riakinya mwaka-ini wa 1939, family ya Elizabeth niyathami- ire itura-ini ria kangemi, Nairobi County. Mari guku Kangemi, njata ya Elizabeth ni yambirii-rie gucangarara.

Kurerwo

Elizabeth niakurire ari mwana wii kiiyo na ungihokerwo maundu. Niaraturirikanagia itugi ici cia muturire. Niaraganaga uria ahotaga kubanga mawira make, akona mahinda ma kuuna nguu na kurima, kurikia mawira make na kugia na mathaa ma guthaka. Maundu maya nimatumaga mahote kurutithania wira na ciana ciao na guthondeka unyitaniri wa gutura.

Githomo

Mwendwo ni-iri Elizabeth niambiriirie githomo giake na mathomo ma hwa-ini uta uria wari mutugo wa matuku mau. Niacokire akiingira githomo gia kawaida na agithoma nginya kirathi gia gatatu(std 3). Githomo giake nikia remire kurika thutha wa ihinda ria wihuge gutangathwo. Elizabeth niarekiriire guthoma ona thengia wake kwaga kurikia githomo. Niarukunguyagira muno githomo gia tucucu na tucukuru twake, na niarendete gutugeithia na githungu " good morning"

Kuhika na Family

Mwendwo ni-iri Elizabeth nimacemanirie na makiendana na mwendwa wake mutiga-iri James Mburu Njihia, na makihikania na mutugo wa Ugikuyu. Nimacokire makieruhirio, na makirathimirwo kihiko kiao Kanitha-ini wa ACK St. John's Kangemi, mwaka-ini wa 1988. Nimathondekire mucii wao waihuritwo ni wendo na gikeno makirera ciana ciao ithathatu, iria nicio, Jecinta Wanjiru Mburu, mutiga-iri George Njehia Mburu, mwendwo ni-iri Grace Wambui Mburu, Rahab Mingina Mburu, mutiga-iri Stephen Ng'ang'a Mburu, na Charles Gatheru Mburu.

Arari nyaciara wa mwendwo ni-iri Susan Wanjiku Njihia, Patrick Tom Odongo, Julia Nyawira Ng'ang'a(USA), na Susan Muthoni Gatheru. Kanya ogothe aragiaga, ng'ano ciake irari cia wendo muingi, uugi na utaarani, ureri, kumiriria na kurunga mitugo. Arari cucu wa Susan Ndero kamau na Justin Kamau Riunge, Elizabeth Ndumia, Caroline Wanjiku, Dennis Mburu na Esther Mburu, Elizabeth Ndamai na Stephen Mbugua, James Mburu na Jackie Mburu, Marvin Mburu na Eva Mburu, Patricia Shipman na Hezekiah Shipman, mwendwo ni-iri ReginaNdamai Odongo, Paige Ng'ang'a, Ethan Gatheru, James Gatheru, Robert Gitere, Ann Waithera Burke na Christopher Joel. Arari maitu ria keri wa Annie Forgarty, Chloe Kamau, Daphney kamau, Zara Ndumia, Alvin Ndumia, Rhia Mburu, Ryli Mburu, Mason Mburu, Ezra Mburu, Jason ngugi, Aaron Mburu, Gianna Wambui, Tatiana Wanjiku, Sean Njihia, Marvin Mbugua, Gabriel Njihia, Travis Mwangi, Eliora Shipman, Jethro Shipman.

Arari cucu ria keri kuri Tia Forgarty.

Niarakenagirira guikarania na tucucu na tucukuru twake, magathaka, magathoma kiugo kia Ngai na makahoya mari hamwe, akarimira wendo na ngwataniro yao ari na wendo muingi muno.

Wira Na Wonjoria

Mwendwo ni-iri Elizabeth arari mutumia urari na kiiyo muno. Wonjoria wake waambiririe na kurima kuria Uplands Kikuyu. Thutha ucio nimahingurire butchery mwena wa Bahati, Nairobi County. Ni arari na nyumba cia gukumborithia mwena wa Kangemi nginyagia kuhuruka gwake. Elizabeth ni arari gitugi kia hinya na wuiguaniri thaa itura-ini. Arari mu member wa ikundi itaganite cia atumia kuria ugi wake, utongoria na utaana wake urahutagia miturire ya andu aingi. Niarari na bata muno na githomo na ni aranyitaga mbaru guthomithia ciana nyingi niguo kumahingurira mirango ya kugia na miturire miega thutha-ini. Mucii wake na ngoro yake iramukagira andu oothe, niaraheaga aria matarehota gia kuria, akomiriria aria athiniku ngoro, na akaheana mataaro. Kuumana na wiirutiri wake niarahekeete gitiyo, akehokeka na agatugirio ni andu aingi ta mutongoria ituura-ini. Ngumo yake igutura iganagwo ni andu aria oothe arahutitie miturire yao.

Ukristiano

Witiko wa mwendwo ni-iri Elizabeth urari gitugi kirumu muturire-ini wake. Arari murumiriri murumu wa Anglican Church Of Kenya kuria abatithiirio ee mwana munyinyi. Ni acokire akiigirirwo moko ni Bishop Obadiah Kariuki mwaka-ini wa 1965. Miaka-ini ya mirongo mugwanja(1970's) nietikirire

Jesu ta Mwathani na Muhonokia wa ngoro yake na akirutira gutura amutungatagira mawira-ini ma witikio.

Elizabeth ni aratungataga Kanitha-ini wa ACK St. John's Kangemi, Diocese ya Mt. Kenya South, ngathi-ini itiganite ta Marenga Cell Group, Kiama KiaManyina(Mother's Union) na ni araheagwo gitiyo ari ta mumember mukuru wa Kanitha uyu. Niarendite kuina rwimbo "Gwataniro ya ma hatari itheru" na maandiko ma Johana 14:1-13 maria aratugagira na guturirikania kaingi.

Wendo wake hari atungatiri na wirutiiri wake kanitha-ini irari cia magegania. Wendo ucio ni uragucagiriria aingi na ugutura ukunguyagirwo ni njiarwa igooka. Niarendete kugaya maandiko maria areendete na kuumiriria mbeu njithi iikare wiitikio-ini.

Umuundu

Mwendwo ni-iri Elizabeth Ndamai Mburu arari kionereria kia muikarire mwega. Wirutiri wake itura-ini urari kionereria kia wendo wake kuri aria mari hakuhi nake. Undu ucio niuratumaga andu othe makaigua mendekete na makeigua me mucii akiheana ng'ano na kugayana ugi wake na andu oothe. Niaroikaine ni wendo wake munene hari Ngai, utaana muingi, winyihia, kwirutira hari family na ituura-ini, ureri na uhoti wake wa guthutukania maundu.

Ndwari na kuhuruka

Mwendwo ni-iri Elizabeth niakoretwo agithinio ni mwiri kwa miaka miingi, na akarigitwo thibitari-ini ngurani ta Coptic Hospital na AAR. Miaka-ini ino yothe ni arari na ukiriririria munene na witikio murumu. Kuri mweri 22nd December 2025, niahurukirio ni Mwathani.

Elizabeth niatiga kionereria kia wendo, witikio na ucaamba Munene.

Muthia

Tukiririkana muturire wa magegania wa Maitu Elizabeth, turomiririo ni kumenya ahurukite moko-ini ma Mwathani. Niaruite mbaara iria njega, nakio kihitahitano giake gigakinya muthia, naguo witikio wake no araumenyereire.

Huruka thayu gitugi giitu, nginya tugacemania ringi, ugutuura uririkanagwo ngoroini ciitu, muutaro maku magutuura hamwe na ithue, magituonereria njira.

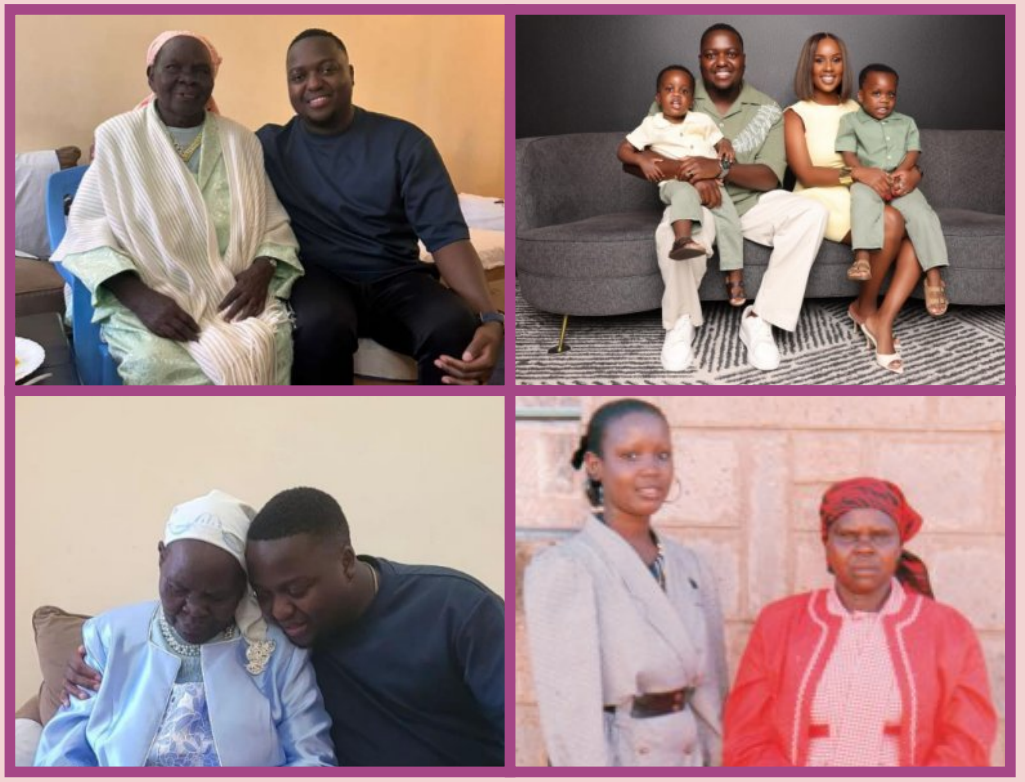
"Ninduite mbaara iria njega, nario ihenya riakwa rigakinya muthia, o na ninduurite menyereire witikio wakwa" 2Timotheo 4:7

Ni Ngai waheanire Elizabeth na nowe wacoka kumuiyira, ritwa ria Mwathani rirogucwo

Marriage

Jecintas Wanjiru's Family

George Njehia's Family



Grace Wambui's Family

Rahab Mingina's Family

Stephen Nganga's Family

Charles Gatheru's Family

Church Life

Birthday Pic's

Treasured Moments

Songs

Bwana U Sehemu Yangu

1. Bwana u sehemu yangu Rafiki yangu Wewe,
   Katika safari Yangu; Tatembea na Wewe

   Pamoja na wewe (x2)
   Katika safari yangu, Tatembea na wewe.

2. Mali hapa sikutaka; Ili Niheshimiwe;
   Na yanikute mashaka, Sawasawa na wewe

3. Niongoze safarini, Mbele Unichukue;
   Mlangoni Mwa mbinguni, Niingie na Wewe.

Ngwataniro Yama Hatari Itheru

1. Ngwatanĩro yama hatarĩ itherũ
   Itu na anabii na atũmwo a Jesu.

   Mbere nĩ kũgwatĩria ngoro iĩyũire ruo,
   Na kwĩrĩgĩrira hatari ĩtherũ,
   Nĩ muoyo wetĩiruo rĩrĩa wetirwo.

2. Tigaga gũruĩka ta wĩ mũriũ,
   Wa maũndũ ma thĩ wĩcirie mũno.

3. Rĩrĩa ũturitĩe ndũ ũgĩthaitha Ngai,
   Mwende muno tondũ waria nĩekũigua.

4. Uhoro wa Roho watonya ngoro,
   Nĩũrũturũraga kwenda kwa mwĩrĩ.

5. Reke ũhoro wama ũgũtongoragie,
   Utũĩke gĩthima kĩenje nĩ Roho.

It Is Well

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way,
   When sorrows like sea billows roll;
   Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say,
   "It is well, it is well with my soul!"

   It is well with my soul!
   It is well, it is well with my soul!

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials
   should come,
   Let this blest assurance control,
   That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
   And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

3. My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought—
   My sin, not in part, but the whole,
   Is nailed to His Cross, and I bear it no more;
   Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

4. For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live;
   If dark hours about me shall roll,
   No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life
   Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

Wihoke Mwathani Rugendo-ini

1. Wĩhoke Mwathani rũgendo-inĩ
Na ũmũmenye wega ũtarĩ nganja
Ona wona thĩna tiga guoya
Wĩ guoko-inĩ gwake ndũkahotwo

2. Ndũgathikĩrĩrie ndeto cia andũ
Rĩrĩa wĩna hinya menya wega
Nĩ wĩtĩkĩrĩtio ũmenyithie andũ
Jesu nĩ Mũkũũri wa kĩrĩndĩ

3. Arĩa marĩ mbere rũgendo-inĩ
Mbaara ya mwĩrĩ-inĩ maikaire atĩa
Na kwarĩ mathĩna rũgendo-inĩ
Na ikeno na mĩago ya gũkũ thĩ?

4. Marũmagĩrĩra hĩndĩ ciothe
Roho mũtongoria maiyũrĩtwo
Nĩ wathĩki mũingĩ rũgendo-inĩ
Nginya magĩtoria mbara cia thĩ

5. Tiga kuoyanĩria mũndũ witũ,
Ũthamaki wa Roho na wa mwĩrĩ
Ndũngĩhotanĩria ndagũthaitha
Tigana na mwĩrĩ ũthiĩ rũgendo

6. Na ũkire na ngoro ũmenye wega
Meciria ma mwĩrĩ mendaga atĩa
Mendaga gũtiga waga muoyo
Na mwĩrĩ ũgatigwo ũtuĩke tĩri

7. Cũthĩrĩria Jesu Mwendwa witũ
Rĩtwa rĩake etagwo Wa mathĩna
Nĩ atoririe magerio na thĩna
Nĩguo tũgakinya gwa Ithe witũ

8. Arĩa maregire ũhoro wama
Makiuga nĩ ahũthũ rũgendo-inĩ
Matiri na ũturo gwa Ithe witũ
Kũrĩa metereirwo nĩ mwaki-inĩ.

APPRECIATION

With hearts filled with gratitude,
we, the family of the late
Elizabeth Ndamai Mburu,
humbly and sincerely thank everyone
who stood with us during this
difficult time of loss.
In moments when words
failed us and tears spoke louder
than our voices, your
presence, prayers,
and compassion became our
comfort and our strength.
May the Almighty God,
who sees every sacrifice and hears
every prayer, bless you abundantly.